**Subject:** submission for a Regulatory Impact Statement about a national Container Deposit Scheme

I have had the pleasure to experience for many years CDL ( container deposit legislation) when  I lived in Germany.

I also have experienced the disappearance of the milk bottle in this country and experienced the increase of containers that could and should be recycled.

Further I have participated annually in Clean Up Australia Day actions and tend to repeat that picking up of rubbish every time I go for a walk in the bush, which is in my situation nearly daily.

The amount of containers I have picked up is beyond what a person could be expected to pick up. Unfortunatly there seems to be no end and even worse the number of items that are littering our bush tracks seems to increase.

I have read that South Australians currently recycle more than 80 per cent of their recyclable containers. For more than 30 years South Australia has CDL. Container litter has nearly disappeared.

 In our area, Sydney northern beaches, we have excellent recycling rates compared with everage data for NSW, however the littering problem arising especially from recycable drink bottles is steadily growing. It is probably due to the belief one needs to constantly carry some fluid when setting out for a walk in the bush and once the end of the walk nears the drink is no longer needed and why carry the bottle...

Water drinking as good as it may be has unfortunately hugely incread the littering problem and the best and most effective way to change this littering is a CDS.

So many states do run a CDS. These states are not financially ruined by their CDS and  their environments often look much cleaner.

Considering the minimal cost of running a scheme and the large and obvious visual uplift that results I urge you to impose a 10cent deposit legislation.

I further urge you to ban or legislate a charge on lightweight single use plastic shopping bags and would welcome extended producer responsibility for all items that create a problem as they are not compostable especially those that are hazardeous to our environment and our own health.

I look forward to you reply.

Yours sincerely

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